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Applicant : Salerno et al.
Application No. : 10/728,021 Confirmation No. : 8333
Filed : December 3, 2003
For : METHODS AND CIRCUITS FOR PROGRAMMABLE
AUTOMATIC BURST MODE CONTROL USING
AVERAGE OUTPUT CURRENT
Group Art Unit : 2838
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was allowed on November 17, 2005. The Notice of Allowability included a Statement of Reasons for Allowance (hereinafter "the Statement"). The Statement states:

"None of the prior art of record disclose or teach a control circuit configured to monitor the output current and transition

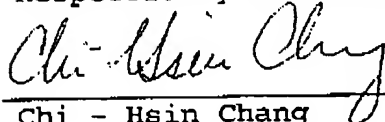
the power converter from a first operational mode to a second operational mode after an average signal crosses a first user-programmable mode transition threshold, the second operational mode having a duration that is responsive to a decrease in load current demand, wherein the monitored output current is averaged to generate the average signal."

(Notice of Allowability, page 2)

While applicants appreciate the allowance of this application, applicants note that the Statement does not address the claims individually. The Statement also does not use the specific wording of some of the claims. For example, allowed independent claim 20 recites "a current mirror that monitors the output current..." and "a comparator that commands transition of the power converter...." Claim 20 does not expressly recite "a control circuit configured to monitor the output current and transition the power converter..." as recited in the Statement set forth above. The allowed claims also recite additional language that is not reflected in the language from the Statement. Applicants note that the allowable subject matter for any particular claim can only be found from the language of that particular claim. Thus, applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims of the present application are allowable for the reasons stated by the Examiner and/or for other reasons.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact applicants' representatives should the Examiner have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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